

Child Poverty in California: Evidence from the California Poverty Measure

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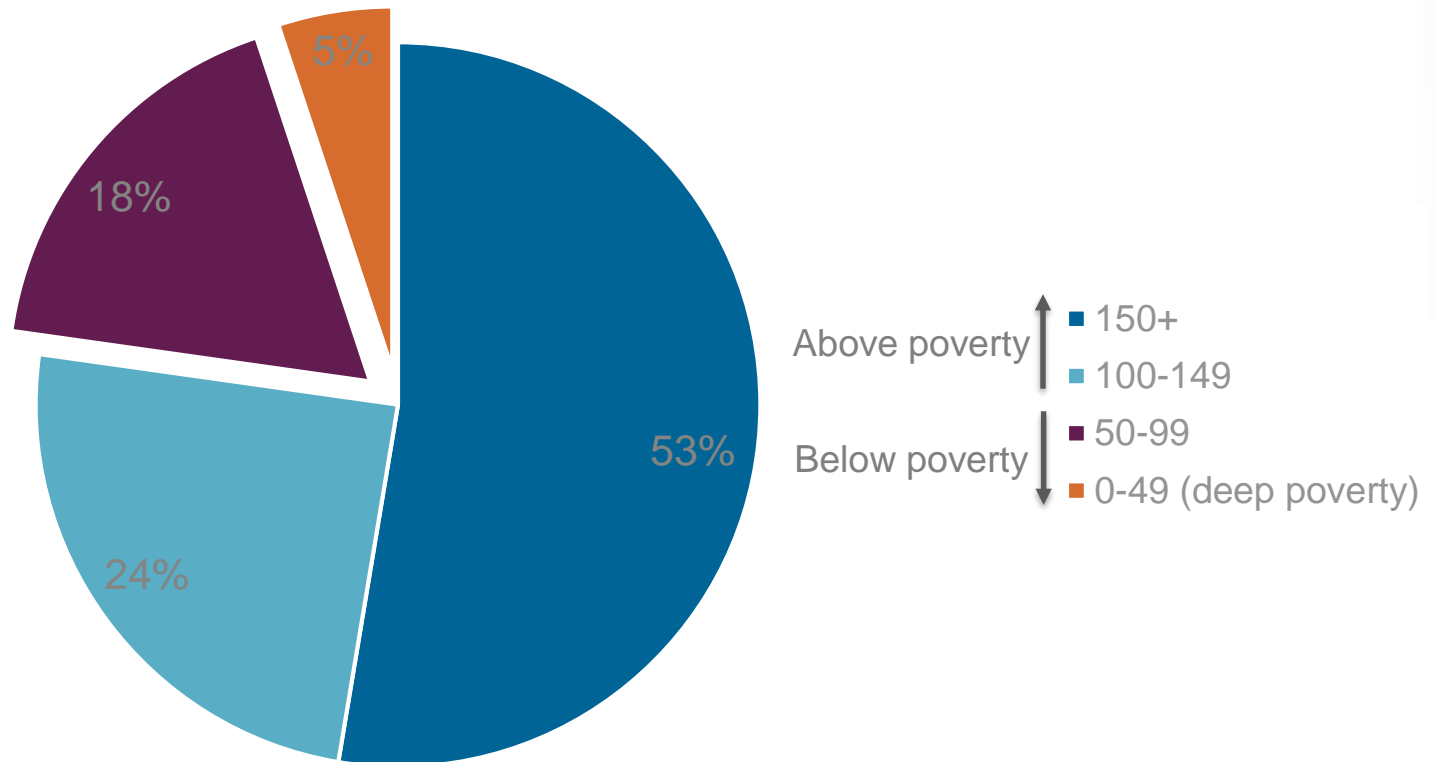
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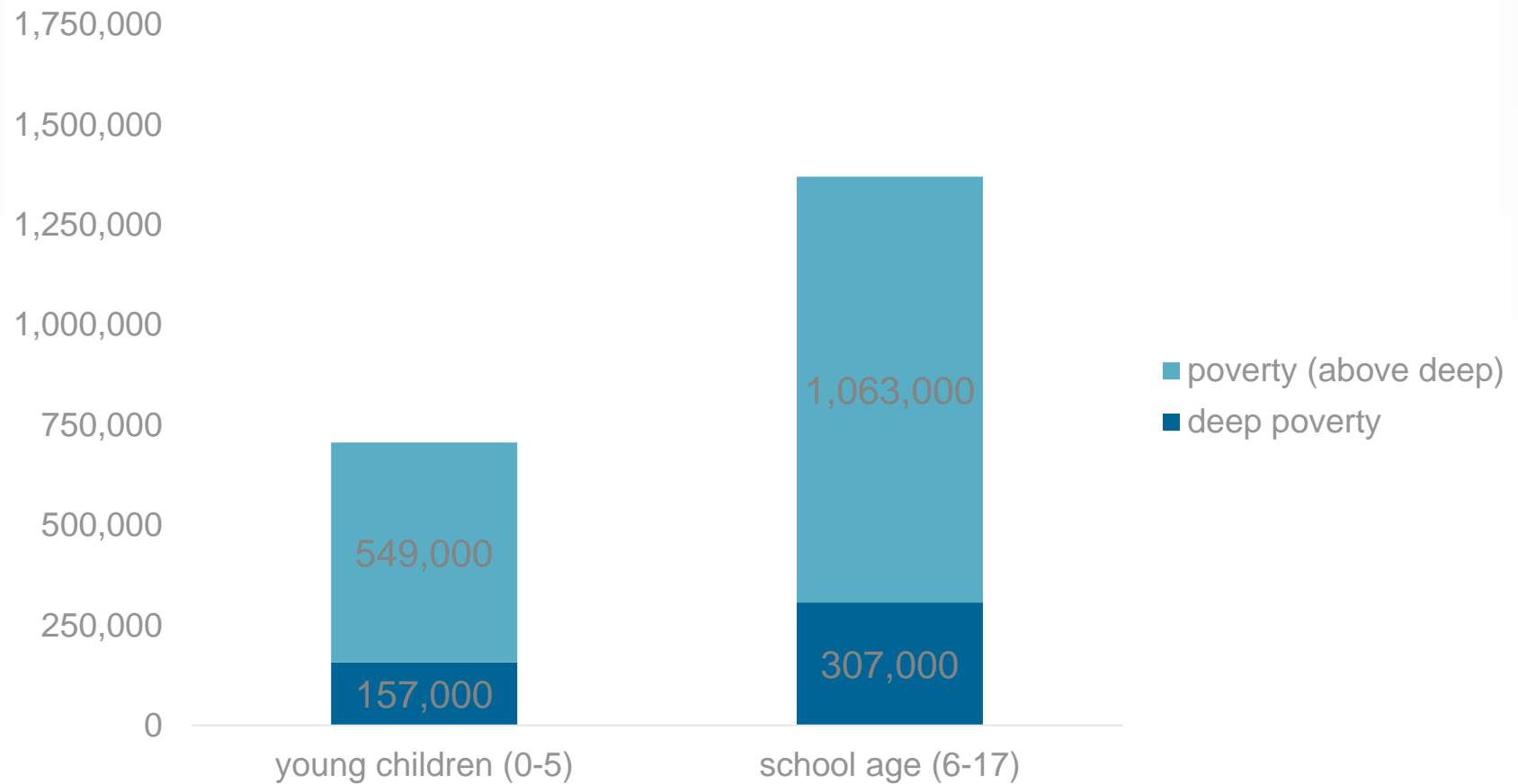
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- Poverty and work
- Role of the social safety net

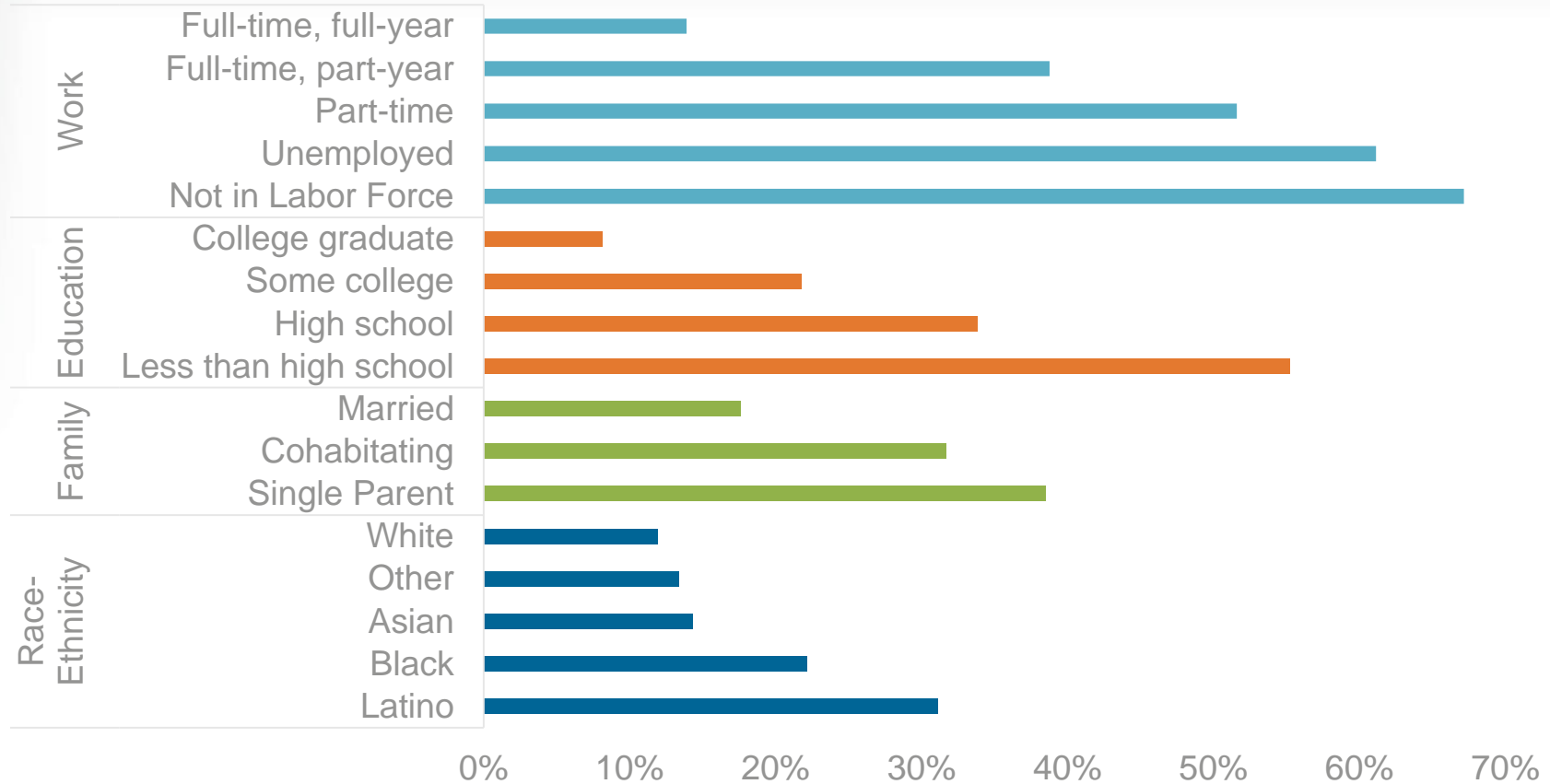
Nearly a quarter of California children are poor



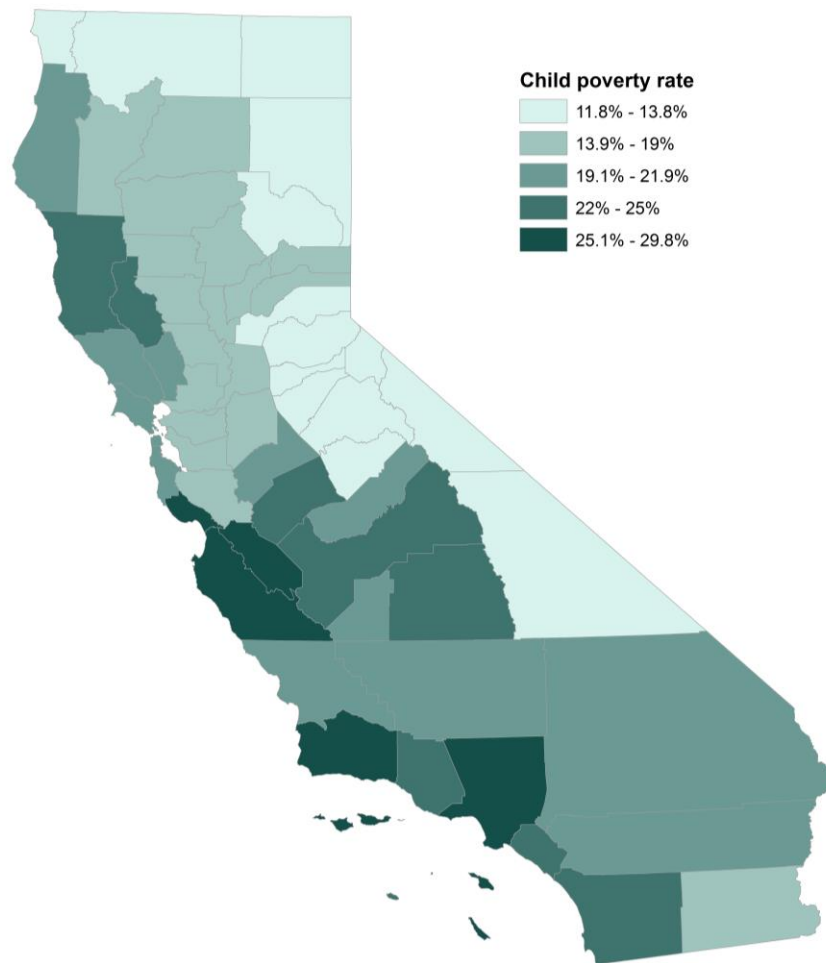
Close to half a million are in deep poverty



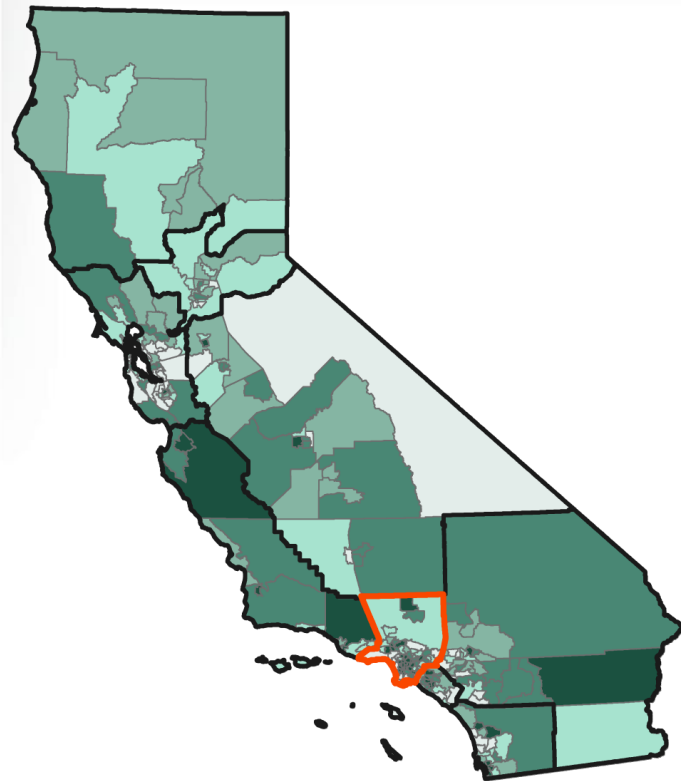
Child poverty varies widely across subgroups



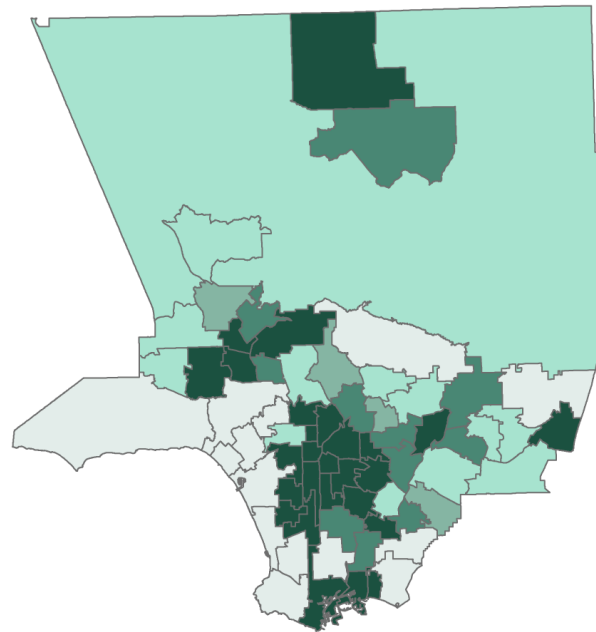
...and across counties



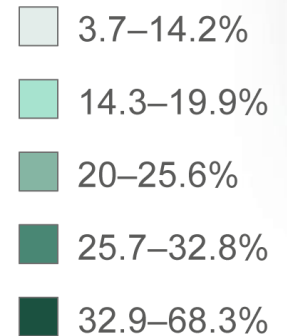
Within counties poverty can be highly concentrated



Los Angeles County



Poverty rates for young children



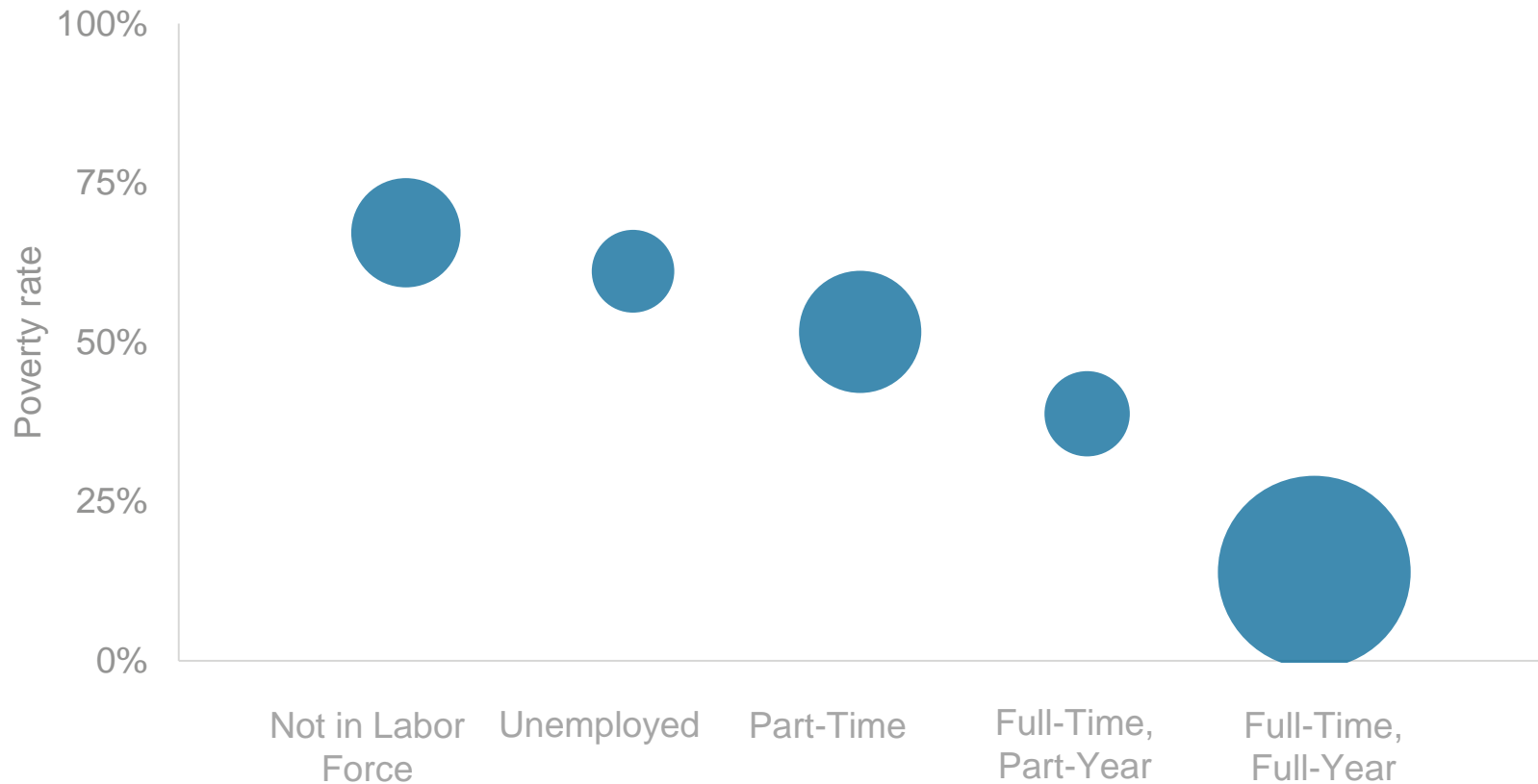
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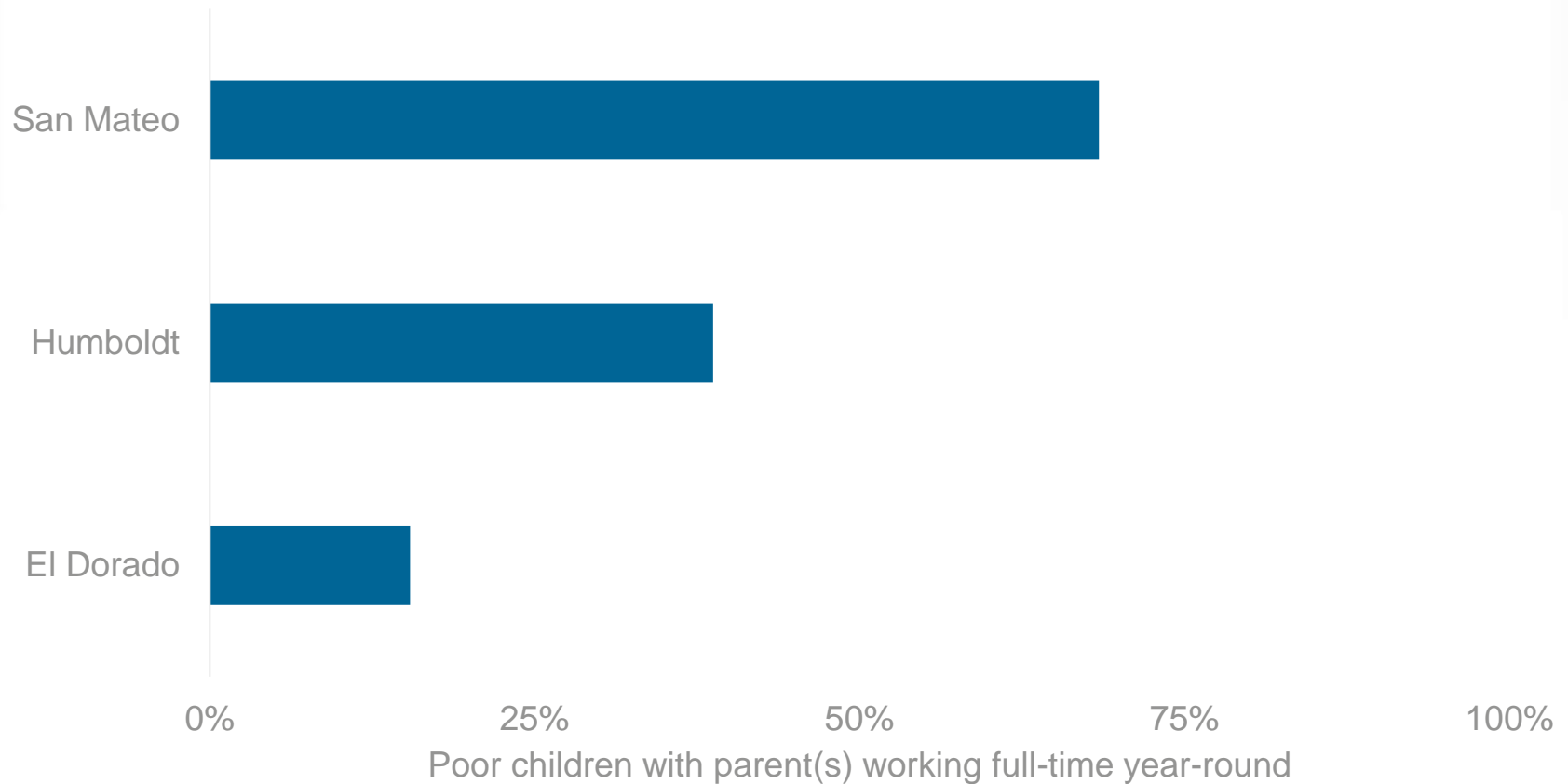
Most poor children are in two-parent, working families

- A majority of poor children in California (56%) are in married, two-parent households
- Almost half (47%) have at least one parent working full-time year-round
 - Another 9% working full-time part-year
 - And 19% working part-time
- One-third have parent(s) with at least some college education

Full-time, year-round work is the most common employment status



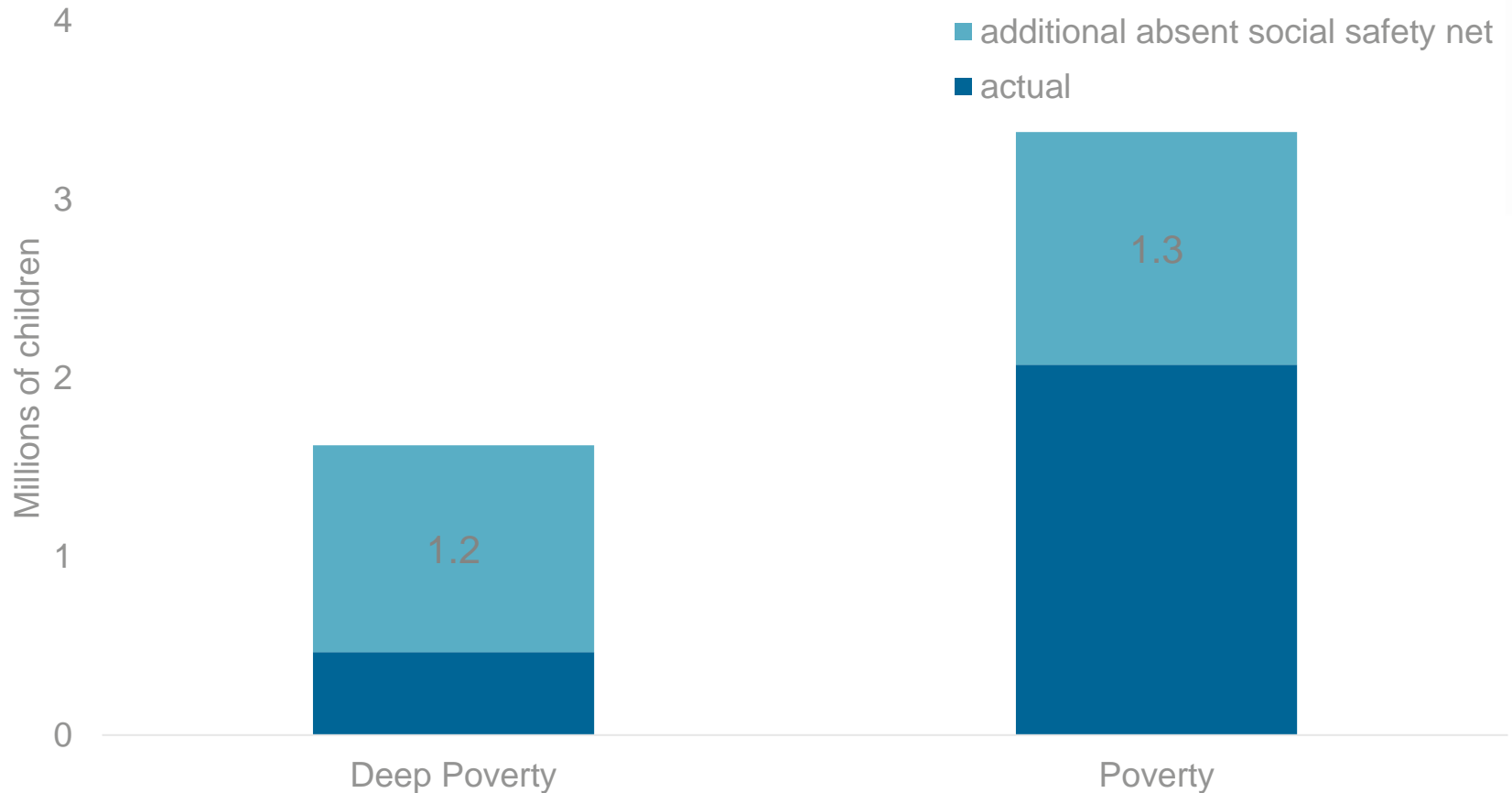
Parental work status does vary substantially across the state



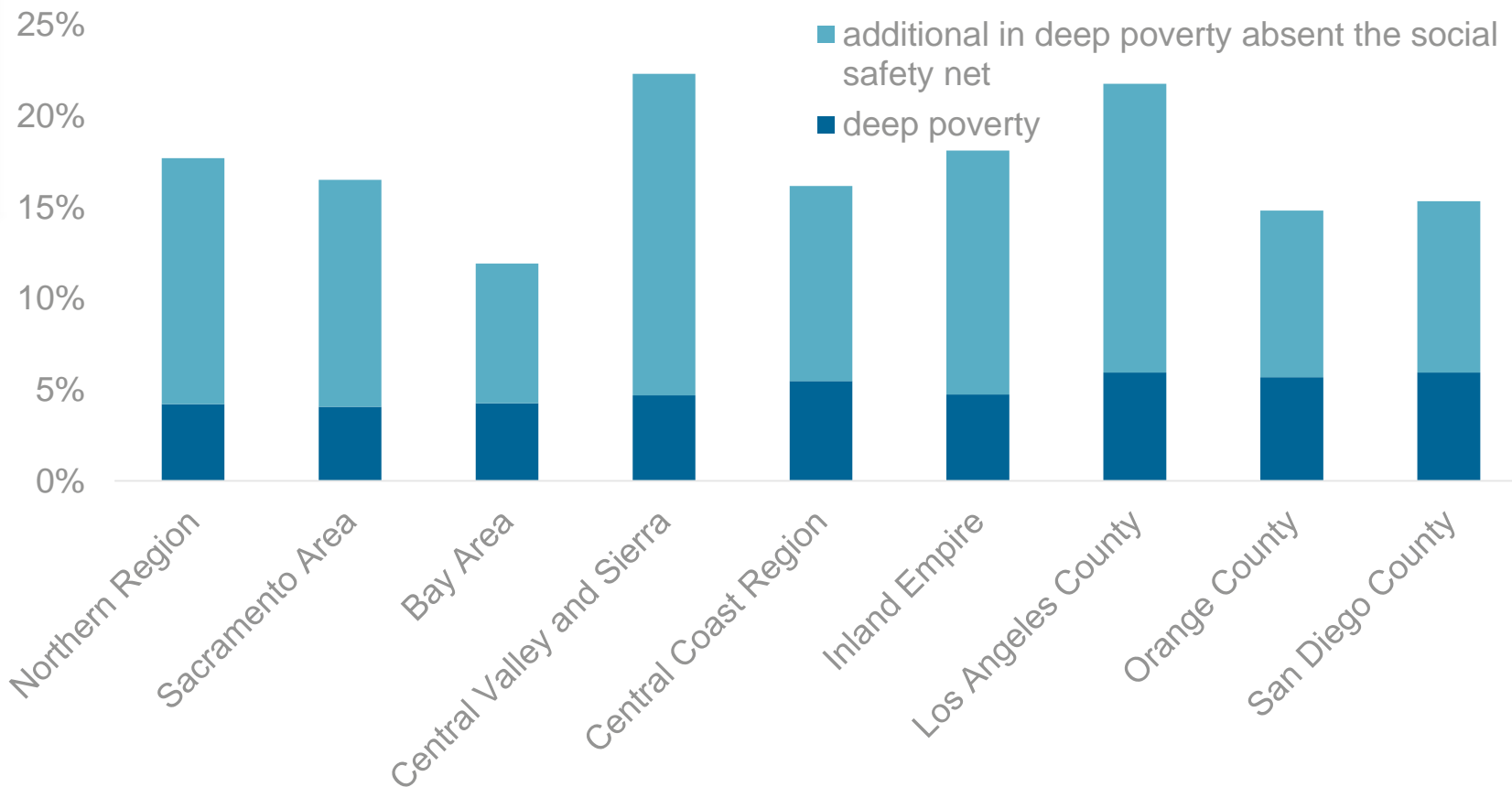
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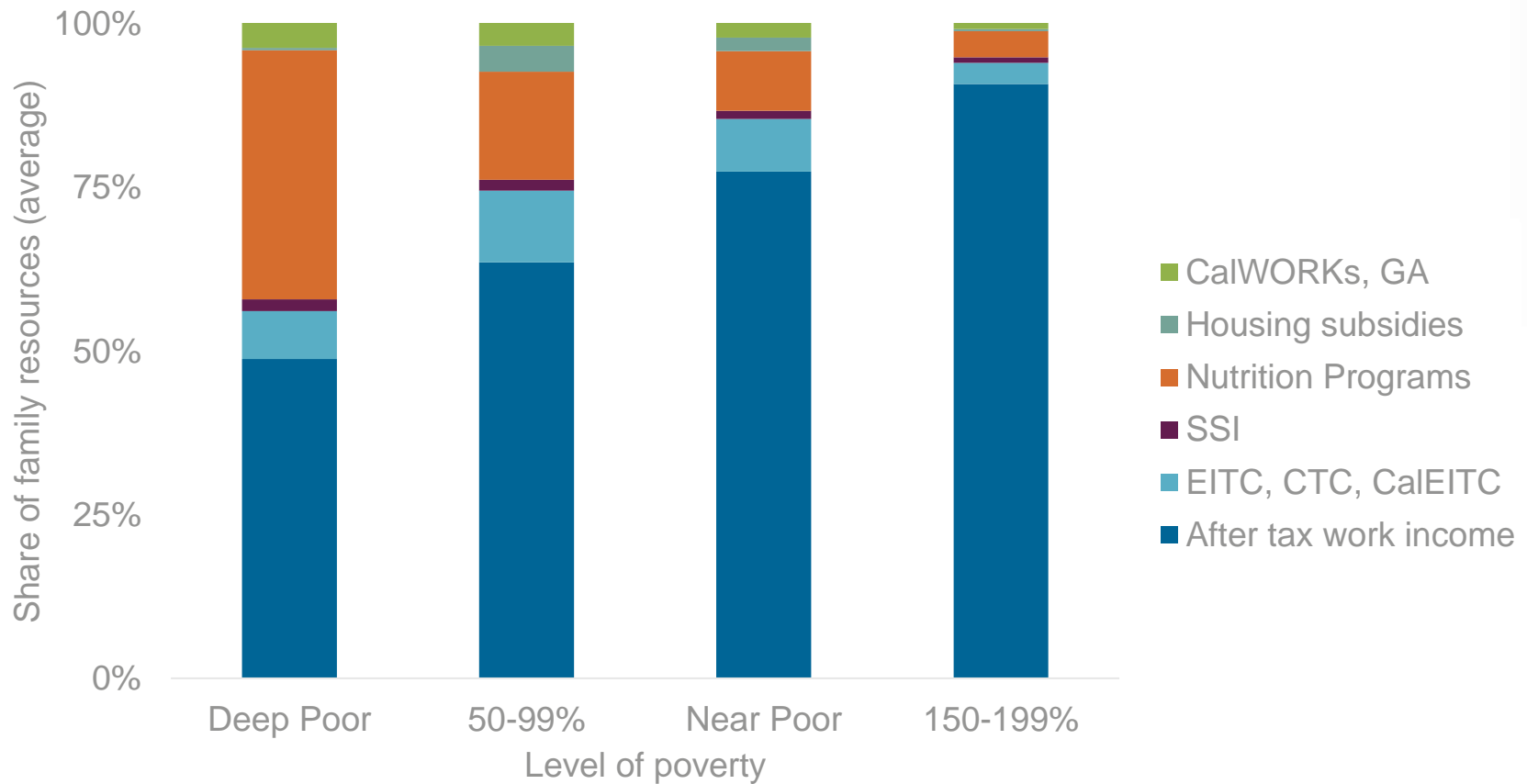
Over a million more children would be poor absent the current social safety net



Regional differences in deep poverty are moderated by the social safety net



Safety net resources do more than just boost some children above the poverty line



Our updated understanding of poverty

- 2.1 million California children in poverty
 - Including 460,000 in deep poverty
- Safety net resources moderate deep poverty very substantially
 - And likewise mitigates poverty
 - But California's high cost of living offsets these gains

Additional resources

- Fact sheets
 - [California's Poverty Rate Goes Down, but 7.5 Million Remain Poor](#) (Stanford/CPI)
 - [Child poverty in California](#) (PPIC)
- Interactive maps
 - [Geography of child poverty in California](#) (PPIC)
 - [Reducing child poverty in California](#) (PPIC)

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